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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Donald J. Merkley et al.  
Application Number: 09/970,389  
Filing Date: October 2, 2001  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REDUCING IMPURITIES IN  
CELLULOSE FIBERS FOR  
MANUFACTURE OF FIBER  
REINFORCED CEMENT  
COMPOSITE MATERIALS  
Examiner Name: Marc S. Alvo  
Group Art Unit: 9683

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

(X) Previously submitted:

(X) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 10, 2004.

(X) Return Postcard

## 2. Fees:

(X) RCE fee (\$395 small entity/\$790 large entity)

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3. Payment:

- (X) Check in the amount of \$790 to cover the above fees.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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